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Response to the letter filed March 23, 2010, for instructions on filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c).

According to the records of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the patent expired on December 25, 2009 for failure to pay the seven and one-half year maintenance fee. Payment of the maintenance fee was due prior to the end of the six month grace period in accordance with 37 CFR 1.362(e).

Applicant inquires advice on the procedures for reinstating a patent under 37 CFR 1.378 (c).

The Office refers the applicant to the MPEP Chapter 2500 Maintenance Fee, section 2590 Acceptance of Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in Expired Patent to Reinstate Patent, for requirements on filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c). Also see, (MPEP 2590(II) UNINTENTIONAL DELAY and MPEP 2595 Forms).

Applicant should use the current fee schedule when submitting payment for the maintenance and petition fees.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-4231.

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